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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1887.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Real estate, | | \$236,950 00 |
| No. of polls, | 136, | 13,600 00 |
| Horses, | 120, | 8,230 00 |
| Cows, | 420, | 11,730 00 |
| Oxen, | 16, | 890 00 |
| Other neat stock, | 25, | 500 00 |
| Sheep, | 4, | 15 00 |
| Hogs, | 26, | 275 00 |
| Carriages, | 20, | 1,140 00 |
| Stock in public funds, | | 9,000 00 |
| Money on hand and at interest, | | 17,850 00 |
| Stock in trade, | | 3,490 00 |
| Mills, | | 300 00 |
| Total valuation, | | <hr/> \$303,970 00 |

On which valuation the selectmen have assessed the following amount:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| State tax, | \$628 00 |
| County tax, | 634 17 |
| Town tax, | 400 30 |
| School tax, | 549 50 |
| Percentage, | 109 34 |
| Non-resident highway tax, | 144 15 |
| Dog tax, | 57 00 |
| Total amount in collector's warrant, | <hr/> \$2,522 16 |

The selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following sums :

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| State railroad tax, | \$70 70 |
| Savings bank tax, | 96 34 |
| Literary fund, | 49 58 |
| From county, | 4 25 |
| Choice of lots in cemetery, | 12 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$232 87 |

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer as follows :

SCHOOLS.

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| To board of education, | \$691 85 |
| Conley's school tax, | 1 15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$693 00 |

BRIDGES.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Edson E. Peaslee, lumber on bridge near W. F. Knight, | \$11 12 |
| George A. Page, lumber, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14 12 |

SNOW BILLS.

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| I. W. Stickney, | District No. 1, | \$10 55 |
| Daniel W. Goodnow, | " 2, | 18 00 |
| James M. Nesmith, | " 4, | 7 65 |
| William F. Knight, | " 5, | 19 00 |
| George A. Page, | " 6, | 4 72 |
| Albert Little, | " 7, | 18 45 |
| Daniel Hitchcock, | " 8, | 4 81 |
| Alonzo J. Hall, | " 9, | 6 32 |
| Otis S. Merrill, | " 10, | 18 98 |
| John W. Pettengill, | " 11, | 6 43 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$114 91 |

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX EXPENSES IN LABOR ON ROADS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------|----------|
| I. W. Stickney, | District No. 1, | \$8 71 | |
| Daniel W. Goodnow, | “ 2, | 1 95 | |
| George A. Page, | “ 6, | 4 35 | |
| Daniel W. Goodnow, | “ 7, | 4 20 | |
| Alonzo J. Hall, | “ 9, | 8 51 | |
| Otis S. Merrill, | “ 10, | 50 70 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$78 42 |
| Non-resident highway receipts, | | 30 17 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$108 59 |
| Non-resident highway tax in cash, | | | 35 55 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$144 14 |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Samuel Johnson, dog tax, 1886, | \$1 00 |
| Samuel French, poll “ “ | 1 19 |
| John W. Little, “ “ 1885, | 1 23 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3 42 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|--|----------|
| J. D. P. Wingate, printing reports, | \$16 50 |
| James H. Bachelder, stationery, | 3 00 |
| C. B. Sargent, repair of school house, | 11 17 |
| Gyles Merrill, rent of hall, | 30 00 |
| Wyman B. Knight, ringing bell, | 35 00 |
| George P. Dow, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| John Little, “ “ | 3 00 |
| C. B. Sargent, repairs of school house, No. 1, | 1 50 |
| C. H. Fellows, glass for “ “ “ | 65 |
| A. J. Hall, guide post, | 1 00 |
| E. N. Greenough, paying state and county tax, | 2 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$107 57 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| School board, | \$25 00 |
| S. B. Mason, town and district clerk, | 14 00 |
| Gilman Greenough, treasurer, | 15 00 |
| W. B. Wason, collector, | 37 82 |
| Isaac E. Hovey, auditor for 1884, | 1 50 |
| John H. Mason, selectman, | 16 00 |
| George A. Page, " | 22 00 |
| E. N. Greenough. " | 25 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$156 82 |

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES

For the year 1887, published agreeably to a vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| E. P. Hoitt, | \$13 37 |
|--------------|---------|

RECAPITULATION.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Amount in collector's warrant, | \$2,522 16 | |
| Received from other sources, | 232 87 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,755 03 |
| Paid on account of schools, | \$693 00 | |
| Bridges, | 14 12 | |
| Highways, | 108 59 | |
| Snow bills, | 114 91 | |
| Abatement of taxes, | 3 42 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses, | 107 57 | |
| Town officers, | 156 82 | |
| State tax, | 628 00 | |
| County tax, | 634 17 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,460 60 |
| Leaving a balance in favor of the town, | | <hr/> |
| | | \$294 43 |

EDWARD N. GREENOUGH,

GEORGE A. PAGE,

JOHN K. MASON,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------|
| The collector charges himself with— | | \$2,522 16 |
| And credits himself by receipts of treasurer, | \$2,446 61 | |
| By non-resident highway receipts, | 30 17 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,476 78 |
| Balance in hands of collector, | | <hr/> \$45 38 |

W. B. WASON,
Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer charges himself with—

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Cash on hand, March 1, 1887, | \$23 35 | |
| Received from state railroad tax, | 70 70 | |
| Savings bank tax, | 96 34 | |
| Literary fund, | 49 58 | |
| County of Rockingham, | 4 25 | |
| Sale of cemetery lots, | 12 00 | |
| Collector of 1884, | 1 20 | |
| 1886, | 100 52 | |
| 1887, | 2,476 78 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,834 72 |

He credits himself as follows :

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| By paying state tax, | \$628 00 | |
| County tax, | 634 17 | |
| Selectmen's orders, | 1,164 18 | |
| Non-resident highway receipts, | 30 17 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,456 52 |
| Cash in hands of treasurer, | | <hr/> \$378 20 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Due from taxes of 1882, | \$14 27 |
| 1884, | 25 20 |
| 1885, | 21 41 |
| 1887, | 45 38 |
| Cash in treasury, | <u>378 20</u> |
| Balance in favor of the town, | \$484 46 |

GILMAN GREENOUGH,

Treasurer.

Births Registered in the Town of Atkinson for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1887.

TABLE A.

| Date of Birth. | Place of Birth. | Name of Child (if any.) | SEX AND CONDITION. | | | | Name of Father. |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Male. | Female. | Living or Stillborn. | No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc. | |
| Mar. 9, 1887..... | Atkinson, N. H..... | George Cleveland Wright | Male..... | ..... | Living..... | First..... | White. George E. Wright..... |
| April 12, 1887.... | Atkinson, N. H..... | George Irving Emerson... | Male..... | ..... | Living..... | First..... | White. George E. Emerson..... |
| June 19, 1887.... | Atkinson, N. H..... | George P. Emerson..... | Male..... | ..... | Living..... | Fifth..... | White. Frank W. Emerson..... |
| July 13, 1887.... | Atkinson, N. H..... | Howard F. Batchelder.... | Male..... | ..... | Living..... | Third..... | White. Hiram Batchelder..... |

TABLE A.—Continued.

| Maiden Name of Mother. | Color of Parents. | Residence of Parents. | Oc'p'tion of Fr. | Birthplace of Father. | Birthplace of Mother. | Age of Father. | Age of Mother. |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| Mary A. Costello..... | White..... | Atkinson 1..... | Farmer..... | Atkinson, N. H..... | Prince Edwards Island. | ..... | ..... |
| Frances Noyes..... | White..... | Atkinson..... | Farmer..... | Haverhill, Mass..... | Salem, Mass..... | ..... | ..... |
| Belle Eaton..... | White..... | Atkinson..... | Farmer..... | Haverhill, Mass..... | Danvers, Mass..... | ..... | ..... |
| Alme Noyes..... | White..... | Atkinson..... | Farmer..... | East Farnham, P. Q. | Atkinson, N. H..... | ..... | ..... |

Marriages Registered in the Town of Atkinson for the Year Ending Dec 31, 1887.

TABLE B.

| Date of Marriage. | Place of Marriage. | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride. | Residence of each at time of Marriage. | Age of each in years. | Color of each. | Occupation of Groom and Bride. |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| April 9, 1887..... | Atkinson, N. H..... | Henry O. Short..... Bessie Gilmartin..... | Atkinson, N. H..... Haverhill, Mass..... | 25..... 23..... | White..... White..... | Boxmaker..... |
| Nov. 29, 1887..... | Salem, N. H..... | Fred P. Wright..... Mary A. Knight..... | Atkinson, N. H..... Atkinson, N. H..... | 21..... 18..... | White..... White..... | Carpenter..... |

TABLE B.—Continued.

| Place of Birth of Each. | Name of Parents. | Birthplace of Parents. | Occupation. | Condition: | | Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married. |
|---|--|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Whether single or widowed. | What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc. | |
| Salmon Falls, N. H..... Halifax, N. S..... | James H. Short..... M. E. Watson..... Owen Gilmartin..... Mary Gilmartin..... | Newburyport..... Atkinson, N. H..... | Shoemaker..... Farmer..... | First..... First..... First..... | ..... ..... ..... ..... | A. C. Swain, Pastor Congregational Church, Atkinson..... A. W. L. Nelson, Salem, N. H., Pastor of Methodist Church..... |
| Atkinson, N. H..... Atkinson, N. H..... | Margaret Hall..... James Knight..... Sarah Doughty..... | Chester, N. P..... Atkinson, N. H..... | Mason..... | First..... ..... ..... | ..... ..... ..... | ..... |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Atkinson for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1887.

TABLE C.

| Date of Death. | Place of Death. | Name and Surname of the Deceased. | AGE. Yrs. Mos. Dys. | Place of Birth. | SEX AND CONDITION. | | | Occupation. |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Male. | Female. | Single, Married or Widowed. | |
| Mar. 8, 1887..... | Atkinson..... | Clarissa Dow..... | 88 | 5 Bridgeton, Ct..... | Female | Female | Single..... | Woolsorter |
| June 8, 1887..... | " | William B. Webb..... | 62 | Haverhill, Mass..... | Male | Male | White Married..... | Woolsorter |
| June 24, 1887..... | " | Lydia Clough..... | 91 | Dorset, Mass..... | Female | Female | White Single..... | " |
| Aug. 7, 1887..... | " | Charles H. Mergen..... | 63 | 18 Atkinson, N. H..... | Male | Male | White Single..... | " |
| Aug. 22, 1887..... | " | Howard F. Batchelder..... | 71 | 9 Atkinson, N. H..... | Male | Male | White Single..... | " |
| Aug. 29, 1887..... | " | Wm. T. Bragdon..... | 72 | 13 Milton, N. H..... | Male | Male | White Married..... | Farmer..... |
| Oct. 13, 1887..... | " | Hannah Noyes..... | 77 | Atkinson, N. H..... | Female | Female | White Married..... | Blacksmith |
| Oct. 25, 1887..... | " | John A. McNeil..... | 41 | Atkinson, N. H..... | Male | Male | White Married..... | Mason..... |
| Nov. 6, 1887..... | " | James Knight..... | 69 | 3 Atkinson, N. H..... | Male | Male | White Married..... | " |

TABLE C.—Continued.

| Place of Birth. | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. | Disease, or Cause of Death. | Occupation of Father. | Name and Post Office Address of Physician (or other person) reporting death. |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Father. | Mother. | | | | |
| Penn. | Connecticut. | Stephen Crawford..... | Hannah Brown..... | | |
| Portland, Me. | " | Wm. H. Welch..... | Betsy Arnold..... | | |
| Atkinson. | " | Henry L. Mergen..... | Belinda Hagggett..... | | |
| E. Farnham, P. Q. | Atkinson, N. H. | H. T. Batchelder..... | Abne Noyes..... | | |
| Milton, N. H. | " | Caleb Knight..... | Betsy Tilton..... | | |
| Atkinson. | Ambury, Mass. | Edmond McNeil..... | Abigail Crank..... | | |
| Ireland. | Prattown, N. H. | James Knight..... | Ann Kimball..... | | |

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE *Atkinson*
TOWN OF PLAISTOW.

As the law directs the following report for the year ending March 1. 1888 is respectfully submitted.

SCHOOLS NOS. 1 AND 3.

In order to increase the length of the schools, it was deemed best that these two be united. This did not seem to be very impracticable or unreasonable, as nearly all of the scholars lived within a mile or less of either school house. The slight inconvenience to a few (more than compensated for by the privilege of attending the Academy after the close of the other schools) can easily be overlooked when we consider that by this union the length of each school in town was increased three weeks. There were two terms of nine and seven weeks, beginning April 25 and Sept. 5th respectively. Miss Annie G. Emerson of Haverhill, Mass., was the teacher. She fully maintained her previous record as an able, skillful educator of youth. The discipline, notwithstanding the larger number of scholars on account of the union, deserves special notice. There were no boisterous outbursts at recess or dismissal. As good order is indispensable, and an almost certain indication of a good school, so the completed work proved. The examinations of an interesting character gave evidence of industry and faithfulness on the part of teacher and scholars. The method of instruction used is commendable. For

instance, after a class has read, giving each word the proper pronunciation and emphasis if needed, and each sentence appropriate inflection, books are closed, and a process of thorough questioning begins; and every thought suggested by the lesson is brought out and impressed on the minds of the pupils.

During the first term the schoolhouse at the Centre was used, and the second, the East road school house.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

This school was taught by Miss Mary E. Eaton of Haverhill, Mass. There were two terms of nine and seven weeks: the first beginning April 25th, and the second Sept. 12th. Miss Eaton having taught here several years has become well acquainted with the parents and scholars, and therefore knows the needs of the school, and understands how to deal with each individual. Hence there is no loss of time. Directly upon opening school, work begins and proceeds quietly and harmoniously till the close. The examinations showed that steady progress had been made in all branches of study pursued. The subject of temperance had evidently received some attention. Vocal music was prettily rendered; which, indulged in occasionally, though considered by some people a waste of time, is undoubtedly enlivening and restful to the mind of the pupil; just as physical exercise invigorates and renews after continued mental exertion. The recitations of the pupils were choice and interesting, containing many sentiments which impressed on the youthful mind, will be retained through life, leavening and influencing all subsequent ideas which may be grasped.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

The spring term of this school, beginning May 2d, and ending July 1st was taught by Miss M. Ella Hoitt of this town. The school appeared very well on the occasion of our first visit, and as far as appearances went, promised to be a success. But, either from a

want of tact on the part of the teacher, or an indisposition on the part of some of the pupils to adapt themselves to the situation, or from some other cause, it hardly met our expectations. We think that, as a general rule, it is not good policy for a teacher to make a beginning in their own neighborhood, having scholars who perhaps may have been their fellow pupils or members of the same family, and who are naturally averse to being governed by one with whom they have previously associated on terms of equality. We see no reason to doubt but what the teacher might have been successful had she taught in some other locality.

The fall term of seven weeks in length was taught by Miss Nora B. Green of Chester, a former teacher of the school, and under whose judicious management everything appeared harmonious and satisfactory. The order was excellent, and both teacher and pupils seemed united in the effort to make the school a success. The closing examination showed that even with a small number of pupils and a short term, much can be accomplished under such favorable conditions as existed in this school.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Both spring and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Minnie C. Townsend of Hampstead. This was Miss Townsend's first attempt at teaching, and considering her youth and inexperience, we think she succeeded as well as we could reasonably expect. The final examination was, as usual, well attended by the parents and other friends of the school, and the exercises were very creditable to both teacher and pupils.

It is worthy of mention, as showing the interest of the pupils in their school, that although some of the scholars reside more than a mile from the school house, nearly three fourths of their number were not tardy nor absent for a single half day in a term of nine weeks in length.

THE ACADEMY.

The district at its last annual meeting having voted the sum of three hundred dollars for the support of the Academy during the past year, perhaps some reference to the school may not be out of place in this report. We would therefore briefly state, that in the opinion of Mr. Emerson the member of the board who visited the school at different times while it was in session, it fully met the expectations of its many friends, and fully sustained its previous reputation as an institution of learning. He also reports the order and methods of instruction as being satisfactory.

As the question of further contributing a part of the school money for the support of this school is to come before our citizens at the annual meeting of the district, argument on the part of the School board, either for or against the wisdom or policy of continuing the present arrangement would seem to be unnecessary.

GILMAN GREENOUGH,
HERBERT N. SAWYER,
GEORGE E. EMERSON.

School Board.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

| NO. OF SCHOOLS. | | 1,3 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
|---|--|-----|----|---|----|
| No. of weeks, Spring term, | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| “ “ “ Fall Term, | | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Whole No. of Scholars, Spring Term, | | 21 | 9 | 7 | 9 |
| “ “ “ “ Fall “ | | 11 | 18 | 5 | 10 |
| No. of Scholars, Reading, 1st term, | | 21 | 9 | 7 | 9 |
| “ “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | 11 | 18 | 5 | 10 |
| “ “ “ Spelling, 1st “ | | 21 | 9 | 7 | 9 |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | 11 | 18 | 5 | 10 |
| “ “ “ Penmanship, 1st “ | | 21 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | 11 | 15 | 5 | 8 |
| “ “ “ Arithmetic, 1st “ | | 21 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | 11 | 18 | 5 | 9 |
| “ “ “ Geography, 1st “ | | 7 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | 3 | 9 | 3 | 4 |
| “ “ “ Grammar, 1st “ | | — | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | — | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| “ “ “ Bookkeeping, 1st “ | | — | — | — | — |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | — | 1 | — | — |
| “ “ “ History, 1st “ | | — | — | — | 2 |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | — | 1 | — | 2 |
| “ “ “ Music, 1st “ | | 21 | 9 | — | — |
| “ “ “ “ 2d “ | | 11 | 15 | — | — |

No. of Visits by School Board..... 18

“ “ “ “ Citizens.....132

